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SUBJECT: GOG COMMENTS ON FURTHER TURKISH EXERCISES IN AEGEAN

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1. A GREEK GOVERNMENT SOURCE FEBRUARY 21 COMMENTED FURTHER ON UPCOMING TURKISH SEA AND AIR EXERCISES IN THE AEGEAN SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE LATER THIS WEEK. THE TEXT OF THE SOURCE'S REMARKS - AS PRINTED IN THD SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN - FOLLOWS: "A GOVERNMENT SOURCE SAID ON SATURDAY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS OF ANY VIOLATION OF GREEK WATERS OR  
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AIR SPACE, AND NO ANOMALY HAS BEEN NOTED CONCERNING THE

HOLDING OF TURKISH AIR AND NAVAL EXERCISES IN THE  
AEGEAN. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT NO INCIDENT HAS BEEN  
NOTED UNTIL NOW OR ON PREVIOUS SIMILAR OCCASIONS.  
THE SOURCE FURTHER SAID THAT WHEN ANKARA ANNOUNCED  
THE HOLDING OF EXERCISES, THE USUAL CONSULTATIONS  
TOOK PLACE, AS IN THE PAST, AND THE GREEK SIDE POINTED  
TO THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL RULES  
REGARDING THE HOLDING OF THE MANEUVERS. THE SOURCE  
DENIED PRESS REPORTS THAT A STRONG GREEK DEMARCHE  
WAS MADE TO ANKARA."

2. A FEW MONDAY AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS (THERE IS NO  
MONDAY MORNING PRESS HERE) SEEMED TO TAKE HEART FROM  
(A) THIS LATEST STATEMENT, (B) THE PRIOR GOG STATE-  
MENT ASSERTING IT WOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE SURVEILLANCE  
TO INSURE GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIR SPACE WERE  
NOT VIOLATED (REFTEL, (C) AND THE REPORTED REMARKS OF  
TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL OVER THE WEEKEND  
THAT THE TURKISH AERIAL EXERCISE "WILL NOT IN HIS  
OPINION CREATE EITHER A POLITICAL OR MILITARY PROBLEM  
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES". FOR EXAMPLE, VRADYNI  
(CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT) HEADLINES ITS STORY  
"TURKEY WITHDRAWS TO ITS OWN WATERS FOR ITS EXERCISES"  
WHILE TA NEA (OPPOSITION, LIBERAL) BANNERS "AS SOON AS  
THEY WERE INFORMED OF GREEK EXERCISES, THE TRUKS  
ABANDONED THEIR PROVOCATIONS."  
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